



INDIANA STATE POLICE LABORATORY DIVISION

PHYSICAL EVIDENCE BULLETIN

CLANDESTINE DRUG LABORATORY EVIDENCE SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

INTRODUCTION: Evidence associated with clandestine drug laboratory operations pose significant health and safety risks to investigators collecting it in the field as well as the laboratory staff receiving them. Due to these added risks, only the appropriate items necessary to complete an investigation will be accepted by the Laboratory Division.

PURPOSE: The purpose of these submission guidelines is to describe the appropriate items, quantities and examination of those items collected at clandestine drug labs that will be accepted by the Indiana State Police (ISP) Laboratories for analysis.

PROCEDURES: Evidence collected from suspected clandestine drug laboratories will be packaged, marked, and identified as required by laboratory policies and Physical Evidence Bulletins (PEB).

Only items critical to the investigation and prosecution of a clandestine laboratory shall be accepted for analysis. Generally, these items include the item used for probable cause, one item of precursor, one item of intermediate/ reaction mixture and one item of finished product. Additional drug precursor items and finished product may be necessary to achieve statutory weight limits.

Items shall be screened prior to submission to the laboratory. Examination requests for analysis of each item of Clandestine Laboratory Evidence shall be specified at the time of submission to the laboratory or ISP District.

A Drug Analysis Examination is a request for the identification of drugs and pharmaceutical precursors in the manufacturing processes in a clandestine laboratory investigation.

A Trace, or General Chemical, Examination is a request for the identification of the chemicals and/or chemical precursors used in the manufacturing process.

A. ACCEPTABLE CHEMICAL EVIDENCE:

1. Approximately one ounce representative samples of bulk amounts of liquid chemicals used to manufacture drugs will be accepted using approved containers.* (Trace or General Chemical Examination Request)
2. Approximately one ounce representative samples of bulk amounts of liquid chemicals suspected to contain drugs will be accepted using approved containers.* (Drug Examination Request)
3. Approximately one ounce representative samples of bulk amounts of liquid organic solvents will be accepted using approved containers.* (Trace or General Chemical Examination Request)
4. Solid materials suspected to contain drugs will be accepted. However, due to safety, security and storage space concerns, only representative samples of bulk amounts of drugs shall be submitted to the laboratory. (Drug Examination Request)
5. Solid materials suspected to be a precursor or chemical used in the manufacture of drugs will be accepted. However, due to safety, security and storage space concerns, only representative samples of bulk amounts of the solid materials shall be submitted to the laboratory. (Drug Precursor – Drug Examination Request); Chemical Precursor – Trace or General Chemical Examination Request)

*NOTE: The approved container for liquids or pastes is clear borosilicate glass threaded vials with teflon liners placed inside a wide mouth translucent high density polypropylene bottle (e.g.: Nalgene®).

B. UNACCEPTABLE CHEMICAL EVIDENCE:

1. Anhydrous ammonia gas, sodium metal, lithium metal, hydrogen chloride gas and compressed gas tanks, will not be accepted in any amount or in any type of containers. This restriction includes compressed gas tanks of any size and containing any type of compressed gas, plus homemade hydrogen chloride gas generators.
2. Bulk amounts of liquid or solid chemicals used to produce drugs will not be accepted.

3. Bulk containers containing any amount of liquid or solid chemicals will not be accepted.
4. Bulk amounts or bulk containers of liquid chemicals suspected to contain drugs will not be accepted.
5. Representative samples of liquid chemicals which are not stored in glass vials with teflon liners and screw caps and further contained in protective polypropylene (e.g.: Nalgene[®]) plastic bottles are considered to be stored in unapproved containers and will not be accepted.
6. Active reactions will not be accepted for analysis.

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